

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Taylor Brown, on February 5, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R) - arrived after roll call  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D) - arrived after roll call  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Taylor Fridrich, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 210, 1/28/2015

Executive Action : HB 91 - Be Concurred In  
HB 105 - Be Concurred In

00:02:30 Recess  
00:02:40 Sen. Howard entered the hearing.  
00:03:16 Sen. Pomnichowski entered the hearing.  
00:03:30 Sen. Moore left the hearing.  
00:09:03 Reconvened

**HEARING ON SB 210**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:14 Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 210, Include mountain lion in livestock loss program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:38 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)  
00:14:50 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)  
00:17:30 Chris Marchion, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
00:19:09 Rod Bullis, Bitterroot Valley Houndsmen Association (BVHA)  
00:21:17 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon (MA)

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:22:35 Quentin Kujala, Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
00:22:56 George Edwards, executive secretary, Livestock Loss Board, Department of Livestock (DOL)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:46 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:24:46 Mr. Edwards, DOL  
00:25:53 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:26:02 Mr. Edwards  
00:26:34 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:27:10 Mr. Edwards  
00:28:27 Sen. Pomnichowski  
00:28:53 Mr. Edwards  
00:30:00 Sen. Wolken  
00:30:21 Sen. Hoven  
00:30:53 Mr. Edwards  
00:31:09 Sen. Hoven  
00:31:24 Mr. Edwards

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:32:05 Sen. Vuckovich

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 91**

00:33:14 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **HB 91 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Brown, Sen. Caferro and Sen. Moore were excused. Sen. Brown will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 105**

00:34:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **HB 105 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 6-2 by voice vote with Sen. Hansen and Sen. Howard voting no. Sen. Brown, Sen. Caferro and Sen. Moore were excused. Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:34 P.M.

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Taylor Fridrich, Secretary

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